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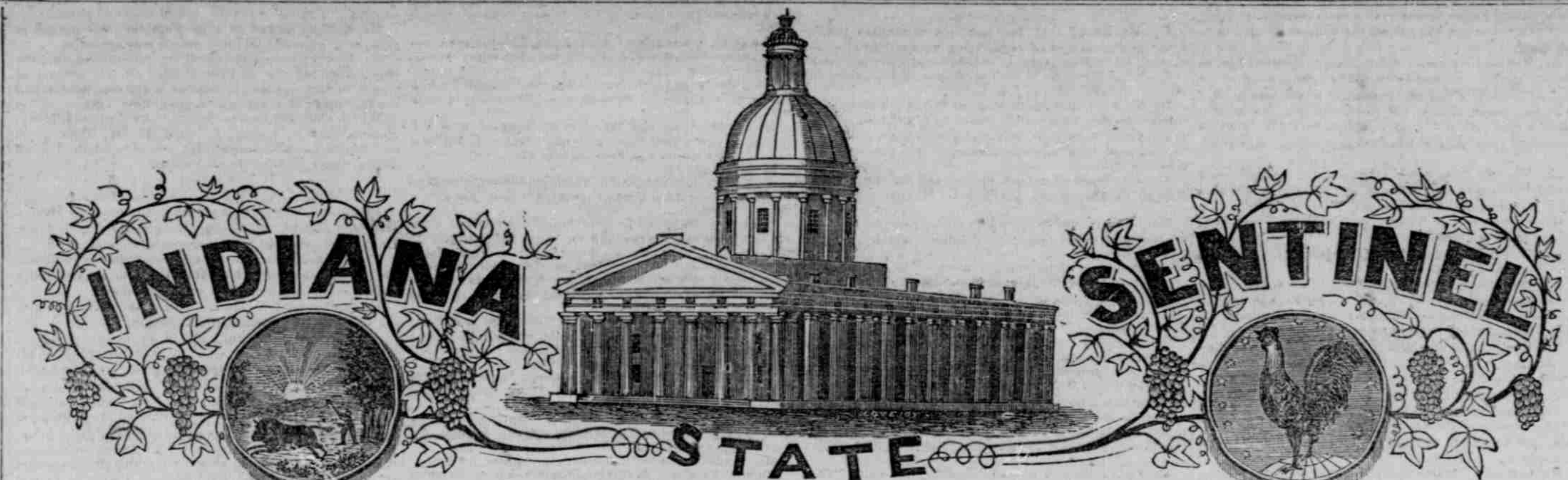
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SENATE.

The petition from German citizens came up in order to-day. Mr. Edmondson presented another of a similar nature. Mr. Ewing spoke for some time on the subject and was replied to by Mr. Edmondson. [A sketch of this debate will appear in a future number of the Sentinel.]

The petitions were referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Orth presented a letter of Jacob Durham, of Russellville, offering to make him a present of \$10 if he would go for having a new county.

Mr. Deffen moved to refer it to a select committee.

Mr. Pennington thought it best not to make that disposition of the matter. He knew Mr. Durham's parents and could say they were respectable. He thought the young man had no idea he was doing any harm.

Mr. Orth had no feeling upon the subject. As soon as he received the letter he felt it his duty to lay it before the Senate. He did not feel upon it to take any notice of it on his account personally. He considered it an insult to the Senate, and hoped a course would be pursued that would be considered as a safe precedent hereafter. He knew not how frequent such cases were, but this was the second time he had been approached in this manner—the first time it was not in a tangible form. The Senate could take such course as was deemed advisable.

After some further remarks from Messrs. Read, Pennington and Hutton,

Mr. Pennington moved to lay the matter on the table, which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Deffen it was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Stanford, Deffen, Read, Chapman and Orth.

By Messrs. Buell and W. Orth, (a remonstrance of citizens of Tippecanoe county against the Boatman's Infirmity,) laid on the table. Also, of citizens of Tippecanoe and Tipton counties, referred. Morgan of H. Coffin, (several remonstrances,) Ritchey, Wood and Ridge.

Mr. Ritchey, from the committee on finance, reported a bill authorizing the treasurer to pay auditors' warrants on account of appropriations of the present General Assembly, which was read twice and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Carr, from the same committee, reported a bill to require the Auditor of State to annex a list of defaulters to his annual report, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Davis, from the judiciary committee, reported back with amendment a bill for the relief of Samuel Lewis, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Hutton, from the committee on education, reported back a bill providing for the loaning of the school funds in Clay and Posey, which was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on canals, &c., reported a bill to amend an act in relation to the canals, the Wabash and Erie canal, which was ordered to be engrossed.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Levinston, that the committee on education enquire into the expediency and constitutionality of providing by law that each regularly organized district school, in the several counties in this State be declared branches of the respective county seminaries, and be entitled to equal distribution of the seminary fund with the principal institution, which was adopted.

By Mr. Holloway, that the committee on education enquire into the expediency of providing for the education of the indigent blind of this State at the Kentucky Asylum, &c., which was adopted.

Mr. Ewing offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, by an act entitled an act to reduce the price paid for ferriages in Lawrence county, approved Jan. 15, 1844, the charge to citizens of said county is represented to be a half the rate charged to citizens of adjoining counties at the same ferriage, and such inequality and partiality, is deemed to be unbecomingly and unjust by many sojourners, therefore

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of regulating the charges of ferriage in Lawrence county, or repealing the special act above mentioned, so that such partial taxation may be no longer imposed.

Messrs. Ewing, Hamer, and Chapman of D, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Todd introduced a joint resolution relative to the delinquent taxes prior to 1811, which passed to a second reading.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Ewing, a bill to amend an act to establish a levy in the town of Vincennes, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Todd, for the benefit of bail for the stay of executions, which was read twice and referred to the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Read, to repeal a certain act therein named, which was read three times and passed.

By Mr. Ridge, for the relief of Henry Pottinger, which was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Goodenow, repealing an act therein named, which was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The Senate adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Gregory, the bill reducing fees and salaries was taken up; when

Mr. Vandever moved that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on said bill, which motion did not prevail.

The bill to amend an act providing for the election of a school commissioner in Russell township, Putnam county, was read a third time and passed; also, a bill to authorize Russell Star to erect a mill dam across the Calumet river; also, a bill to repeal the Posey county road law; also, a bill to authorize the erection of a toll bridge across White river at Columbus; also, a bill limiting the fees of the Sheriff in Marshall for extra services; also, a bill to legalize the election of trustees of Zion Baptist Church of Gibson county; also, the bill to authorize Daniel C. Shannon to erect a mill dam across the Mississippi river.

A number of bills were read a second time, and referred to committees or ordered to be engrossed.

The bill regulating the fees of grand and petit jurors was read a second time; (allowing \$1 25 per day) when

Mr. Vandever moved to lay it on the table; which did not prevail—ayes 37, noes 68.

Mr. Vandever moved to commit the bill with instructions to amend, by striking out "twenty-five cents."

Mr. Smith opposed the amendment. He could not consent to receive three dollars a day and put off jurors with seventy-five cents.

Mr. Vandever was willing to raise the compensation of jurors.

The bill was then committed to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Colms moved instructions that jurors in Kosciusko and Whitley shall receive \$1 25 per day.

Several other amendments were offered but not agreed to.

The bill declaring Black creek, in Green county, a navigable stream, after undergoing a considerable discussion, was ordered to be engrossed by a vote of ayes 57, noes 37.

The joint resolution asking lands to complete the Northern division of the Central canal, was read a second time.

Mr. Gregory moved to strike out Central canal and insert Wabash river.

Mr. Tingley moved to refer with instructions, that if the lands be obtained, the proceeds be applied to the purposes of education.

The instructions were withdrawn and the joint resolution referred to the canal committee.

The joint resolution offered by Mr. Vandever, for the relief of Thomas Wilson Dorr was read a second time.

Whereas, It has been represented to this General Assembly, that Thomas Wilson Dorr, a citizen of Rhode Island, is now in close confinement in said State; and whereas, it is believed, that the cause which led to this lamentable circumstance, was but for the advocacy and defence of the principles of human rights and equal justice to all mankind; the principles advocated and maintained by the revolutionary fathers of our country in the days of seventy-six; therefore

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That in the opinion of this body the punishment thus inflicted on the person of Thomas Wilson Dorr is against the policy and genius of our free institutions, and subversive of justice and the great end for which our republic was instituted. And be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this joint resolution to His Excellency the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, with a request that the same be laid before the Legislature of said State.

Mr. Hazlerigg moved to amend, by adding after the word Dorr, the words "other convicts."

Mr. Herod moved to refer to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Vandever said, he had offered this resolution in good faith. He acknowledged that he was incompetent to give a full history of this case; but he had sufficient information to know, that Mr. Dorr was an abused citizen. In casting his eye over the charter of Rhode Island, he found sentiments inconsistent with the declaration of independence, which says that all men are created free and equal—that they are possessed of certain inalienable rights, amongst which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He believed there were honorable whigs on this floor who thought with him on this subject. He proceeded to point out what he considered to be the obvious features in the charter of that State; its property qualifications for voters, &c., &c., all inconsistent, in his opinion, with the spirit of our free institutions. He showed the grievances under which the mass of the people labored, and the means used for redress, by the formation of a new constitution. Will gentlemen, said he, meet the question of Gov. Dorr? He has received the suffrages of a large majority of the people of Rhode Island. He asked, with much emphasis, will any gentleman rise in his place on this floor and declare in favor of the provisions of the charter of Rhode Island? Will they say, that the flat-nosed negro, possessed of property, shall go to the polls and deny to the poor white man the same privilege? Dare gentlemen representing the free sons of Indiana, utter sentiments like these? Dare they say, that when the partner of Gov. Dorr's bosom, with his infant child, approached his prison, asking but a moment's interview, and the privilege of bestowing but a small present, was cast away with contempt and reproach, that the Algerine authorities did right? Will they stand up for the federal principles of our charter? Will they dare to advocate the refusal to Gov. Dorr of the privilege to sign his name to a petition praying, from the highest tribunal of our country, the writ of habeas corpus? a writ wrested from the tyrant king in England, and which is secured to the poorest citizen of that monarchy, and which is the boast of British magnanimity? Will gentlemen, who profess opinions and principles like these, the free-sons of Indiana, would fly to the rescue of Gov. Dorr and raise his prisoners to their very foundation.

Mr. Vandever here gave way for an adjournment; when

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Thursday, December 26, 1844.

SENATE.

Petitions, &c. Presented.

By Mr. Hutton, in relation to a new county, which was referred to the select committee having charge of that subject. By Mr. Bowers, three remonstrances of citizens of Dearborn county, against attaching any portion of that county to the county of Ohio, which were laid on the table. By Mr. Orth, a memorial from Dr. T. T. Yeakey, referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Rockhill, of citizens of Adams county, referred. Also, another of a similar nature. By Mr. Farner, of Paris C. Downing and others, referred to the committee on elections. By Mr. Holloway, of citizens of Wayne county, referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Buell of W., from the committee on canals and internal improvements, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Williamsport Lock Company, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Read from the committee on State Bank, reported a bill repealing certain acts creating Bank districts, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Ewing, from a select committee, reported a bill to repeal an act to reduce the prices paid for ferriages in Lawrence county, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Tannehill, from a select committee, reported a bill defining the duties of millers in certain cases, which passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Morgan of D., that the committee on public buildings enquire into the expediency of causing the Senate Chamber and the Hall of the House to be heated by rarified air, which was adopted.

By Mr. Hamer, in relation to the claim of Felix L. Raymond, which was adopted.

By Mr. Ewing, that the committee on the judiciary enquire into the expediency of providing some relief to innocent securities of officers in default for money collected on execution, and not used upon their bonds within two succeeding years, during which the officer in default, was indictable for his offence, which was adopted.

Bills.

By Mr. Chapman of L., for the relief of Millard Gloomer, (a divorce bill,) which was read twice.

Mr. Ewing moved its indefinite postponement.

The question was discussed by Messrs. Ewing, Pennington, Chapman of L., Orth and Ritchey, and the motion decided in the negative—ayes 14, noes 22.

The question on the engrossment of the bill was decided in the affirmative.

By Mr. Holloway, to amend an act to incorporate the Brookville Canal Company; by Mr. Deffen, to

amend an act to incorporate the Brothers of St. Joseph; by Mr. Allison, to authorize Samuel Dyer, Sen., to erect a bridge across White River; by Mr. Ridge, to change the name of Muncietown to that of Muncie; by Mr. Miller, to locate a certain State road in Orange county; by Mr. Coffin, to change the mode of doing county business in the county of Parke; by Mr. Rockhill, for the relief of Francis Goffroy; all of which passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Major, to extend the time for collecting taxes in the county of Clinton in the year 1844, which was read twice and referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Deffen moved to take from the table a bill providing for funding the State Debt, which was agreed to, and the bill was postponed till Tuesday next at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Chapman of L. moved to take from the table a bill providing for the distribution of the Saline and Bank tax fund, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Chapman of L. moved to refer it to the judiciary committee with instructions to make the counties and the loaning officers responsible.

Mr. Deffen moved to amend the instructions by striking out the provision making the loaning officers responsible, which motion prevailed.

The question was then put on referring with the instructions as amended and lost.

The question then recurring on the engrossment of the bill was decided in the affirmative—ayes 38, noes 3.

Orders of the Day.

A bill to legalize school loan lands in the county of Daviess; to authorize the board of commissioners of Floyd county to employ a physician for the poor; a joint resolution in relation to the 4th instalment of the surplus revenue, (ayes 30, noes 17,) were severally read a third time and passed.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Hermon moved that the vote on the resolution in relation to the 4th instalment of the surplus revenue be reconsidered, which was agreed to. The joint resolution was passed by a vote of 15 to 24.

A bill repealing an act in relation to taxes; to amend an act to abolish docket fees; defining the duties of county treasurers in certain cases; to secure to recorders their fees in certain cases; to prevent fraudulent receipts in the conveyance of goods and merchandise; for the relief of Elijah Masters; to repeal a certain act therein named so far as it relates to the county of Pike; to establish a State road on the county line of St. Joseph and Elkhart, were severally read a third time and passed.

A bill to attach additional territory to the county of Ohio.

Mr. Bowers moved to recommit the bill to the select committee that reported it, with instructions to incorporate in it a provision giving the voters of Dearborn and Ohio counties the privilege of approving or disapproving of said territory at the next August election.

After some remarks from Messrs. Bowers and Buell of D., the motion of Mr. Bowers was decided in the negative, ayes 22, noes 23.

Mr. Bowers moved to refer it to the judiciary committee with similar instructions, which was decided in the negative, ayes 22, noes 24.

The bill was then passed by a vote of 23 to 20.

An act in relation to settling on the Wabash and Erie canal lands was laid on the table.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Buell of D., to authorize the purchase of real estate of Geo. W. Lane, which passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Orth, to amend an act regulating the times of holding courts in Tippecanoe county, which was read three several times and passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Farner, amendatory to an act abolishing docket fees, which passed to a second reading.

The President laid before the Senate, a communication in relation to the Boatman's Infirmity, at Lafayette, enclosing a report of the Board of Examiners of said Infirmity, which was referred to the committee on claims.

A bill designating the kind of funds receivable for Wabash and Erie canal tolls and water rents, was postponed until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Hazlerigg, a resolution was offered, giving the use of the Hall to Mr. Willard, for an exhibition of the deaf and dumb students under his charge.

Mr. Tingley moved to amend, by excluding all others than members of the Legislature from attending said exhibition; which amendment was not adopted.

The resolution was then adopted.

The House, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, resumed the consideration of the bill altering the boundary line between the counties of Gibson and Pike—the question being on the rejection of the bill, and the question being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, ayes 51, noes 23.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Door-keeper, stating all papers, documents, &c., are regularly carried to the Post Office, and he is informed by the Postmaster that they are regularly mailed from the Post-Office in this city.

Petitions, &c., were presented by Messrs Claypool, Walker, Blakemore, Wolf, Pettit, (from citizens of Wabash) Pomeroy, (an abolition petition); which were severally referred.

Mr. Osborn, from the judiciary committee, reported back the bill relative to chancery money, &c., with an amendment, which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Jones of Fountain, from the committee on canals and internal improvements, reported a bill to amend the act to provide for letting out the public works to private companies, in reference to the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company. The Company may to have the power to borrow money, &c., and agreeing to finish the road during the next year, to Edinburgh, and to the city of Indianapolis in three years from the fourth day of July next, if the amendments, contemplated in the bill, are adopted. Said bill was read a first time and passed to a second reading.

The bill to revise and amend an act incorporating the Richmond and Eton turnpike company was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Carroll, the rules were suspended, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day—the question being on the instructions to the committee, on the joint resolution in relation to Thomas Wilson Dorr.

Mr. Vandever proceeded in his argument in favor of the joint resolution. He held in his hand the charter of Rhode Island and proceeded to point out its objectionable features. His object, in the introduction of the resolution was, that an expression should be made, by this Legislature and transmitted to the authorities of Rhode Island. It was to express our approbation of the treatment that one of the brightest jewels in our political horizon has received. The period for speech-making had passed by; but he considered the importance of the subject a sufficient apology for trespassing upon the patience of the House.

Mr. Herod modified his motion so as to commit the joint resolution to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Little moved to lay the joint resolution and amendment on the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 43, noes 41.

The bill fixing the time of county treasurers holding their offices was read a second time; when

Mr. Pettit moved that the term of office of county treasurers shall commence on the first Monday in September.

After considerable discussion in relation to the late decision of the Supreme Court, &c., on motion of Mr. Stapp, the bill was committed to the committee of ways and means.

The bill for the sale of a school section in Jefferson county was read a third time and passed; also, the bill to incorporate the Terre Haute Draw Bridge company; also, a bill for the relief Ann Matthews; also, a bill to authorize William Jones and Harvey Hoover to erect a mill dam across the Wabash river.

The bill to confine voters to their respective townships, in giving their votes, was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved to except the county of Crawford.

Mr. Davis moved to except the county of Dubois.

Mr. Gregory moved the previous question.

Mr. Hazlerigg moved to lay the bill upon the table; which motion did not prevail, ayes 21, noes 66.

The previous question being sustained, was put to vote: Shall the bill be engrossed for a third reading? and decided in the affirmative, ayes 60, noes 37.

Mr. Robinson of Carroll moved to recommit with instructions to amend, that the voters shall be confined to their townships in all elections by the people.

Mr. Leslie moved to amend the instructions so as to except the county of Harrison.

Mr. Peck moved to except the county of Martin.

Mr. Robinson of Decatur was satisfied that a portion of his constituents were in favor of a law of the description contemplated by the bill, but he hoped gentlemen would go with him to permit members who desired it, to except their counties.

Mr. Wright thought it perfectly right that each member should represent his constituents; but this was a measure affecting the whole country, and was emphatically a general law. Indiana had already been cursed with too much special legislation.

Mr. Huckleby was opposed to special legislation in most cases; but this was a very different case from the one noticed by the gentleman. This bill went to destroy rights guaranteed by the Constitution which secures the right to each legal voter to vote in the county where he resides. He believed the bill unjust, unjust and unequal for the people. He wished the bill recommitted and so amended, that the county of Perry shall be excepted from its provisions.

Mr. Gregory said, that if counties were excepted, and the voters of some counties were confined to their townships and others had the privilege of voting at their county seats, it would send those who were so disposed to pilfer in elections.

Mr. Wright of Switzerland said, the great object of the bill under consideration was to aid in preserving the purity of elections, hence it should be general to all the counties. He hoped the bill would be re-committed and perfected, as contemplated by the gentleman from Carroll.

The discussion was continued by Messrs Vandever, Huckleby, Brown, Leslie and others, when the question was taken on excepting the county of Martin and decided in the negative.

Mr. Robinson of Carroll moved the previous question, which being sustained, was put to vote: Shall the bill pass? and decided in the affirmative by the following yeas—

AYES—Messrs. Barclay, Bell, Blakemore, Brecount, Bruce, Byers, Claypool, Colms, Comer, Cowen, Garway, Duzan, Endicott, Ford, Foreman, Garrett, Gregory, Grubbs, Handy, Hannah, Hauser, Helwig, Herod, Heustis, Hinckman, Huey, Jameson, Jones of Fountain, Kelley, Kerr, Lantis, Legg, Lewis of Wayne, Lyle, McAllister, McClure of Scott, McGaughey, Miller, Montgomery, Mooney, Nutter, Odell, Osborn, Palmer, Pettit, Pomeroy, Robinson of Carroll, Robinson of Decatur, Shanks, Shively, Snook, Stapp, Stophlet, Sullivan, Tague, Tingley, Turman, Vandever, Whight, Wolf, Wright of Switzerland and Wright of Wayne—83.

None dissenters. Boardman, Brown, Condit, Davis, Fuller, Hambrick, Hardin, Hazlerigg, Hodges, Hoggart, Hostetter, Howard, Huckleby, Jones of Vigo, Leslie, Lewis of Dearborn, McClure of Knox, Manville, Nimmon, Peck, Rich, Roseau, Simonson, Smith, Tomlinson, Walker, Wills, and Mr. Speaker—83.

None dissenters.

On motion of Mr. H. Hostetter to send and convey real estate in Lawrence county, was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the lobbies were cleared, and the House proceeded, simultaneously with the Senate, with closed doors, in the absence of the reporter, to the election of a Bank Director, to fill the vacancy of James P. Drake, which resulted in his re-election for four years.

The bill to extend the time of the Lawrenceburgh and Indianapolis Railroad Company to close its affairs was read a second time; and, on motion of Mr. Handy, laid on the table.

The bill to authorize George French to construct a dam across the Wabash river, was read a third time and passed; also, a bill to amend the act incorporating Columbus; also, to extend the time of the session of the county board of Bartholomew; also, for a State road in Kosciusko and Marshall; also, a bill authorizing the auditors of Vanderburgh and Gibson counties to call the Board of Commissioners together to hold special sessions.

The joint resolution, offered by Mr. Bruce, for the relief of the State of Indiana, reducing the pay of members to two dollars per day, was read a second time; when

Mr. Gregory moved to postpone the further consideration thereof until the 13th of January.

Mr. — moved to amend, so that its provisions be confined to the county of Marion.

Mr. Pomeroy moved to lay on the table; which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution on the subject of an appropriation to the harbor of Michigan city was read a second time; when

Mr. Tague moved to include the Cumberland road; which amendment was adopted, and the joint resolution read the third time and passed; also, the bill to amend the act to authorize the commissioners of the Wabash and Erie canal to sell canal lands in quarter sections; also, bill to change the mode of doing business in Crawford county; also, the bill defining the boundaries of Dearborn county; also, the bill for the protection of wild fruit growing on the public lands in Stark, Pulaski, Steuben and DeKalb; also, the bill in relation to the writ of certiorari was read a second time; when

Mr. Garrett moved the bill indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Huckleby defended the bill.

Mr. Garrett objected to the bill, because it was not couched in language that could be understood by the common people. We came here, he said, to make laws, and were well paid for it, and we should not enact them in such language that it will require a fee of some 10 or 20 dollars to a lawyer to explain them.

Mr. Blakemore endeavored to explain the meaning of certiorari; but

Mr. Garrett said, this was no explanation to him. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill legalizing special sessions of the county board of Daviess, was read a third time and passed; also, to amend the act incorporating the Vevay and other turnpike companies; also, in relation to penalties on county commissioners; also, to locate a State road in Cass county.

The joint resolution in relation to Indiana's proportion of the proceeds of the public lands, making the same of Congress, to liquidate our public debts, both foreign and domestic, was read a second time and referred to the committee of ways and means.

The bill to abolish the office of county auditor of Orange county was read a third time; also, the bill to change the name of Anna Maria Small.

On motion, the House adjourned.

Friday, December 27, 1844.

SENATE.

The President laid before the Senate a communication of the Treasurer of State, in relation to the deficit in the settlement of the late Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Buell of D, it was referred to the committee on claims.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Deffen, of citizens of St. Joseph county, in relation to the State debt; referred to the committee on Finance. By Mr. Farner, referred to the committee on Education. By Mr. Bowers, of citizens of Ripley county, referred. By Mr. Todd, of citizens of Marion and Johnson counties, referred. On motion of Mr. Parks, the petition of Henry Myers taken from the table. Mr. Parks asked leave to withdraw said petition. Mr. Ewing objected to it. Leave was granted. By Mr. Buell of D, a letter from the President of the Madison Branch Bank, referred to the Bank committee. By Mr. Orth in relation to the soldiers in the Black Hawk war, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Buell of D, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill to authorize the closing up of the suspended debt, which passed to a second reading.

Mr. Ritchey, from the same committee, reported a bill distributing the road tax paid into the State Treasury by the several Branches of the State Bank of Indiana, which passed to a second reading.

The hour having arrived the bill set apart for to-day came up, entitled

A bill designating the kind of funds receivable for tolls and water rents on the Wabash and Erie Canal.

Mr. Lane moved to refer it to the committee on Canals and Internal Improvements.

Mr. Davis moved to refer it to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Lane urged its reference to the committee on canals, &c. He considered the work of great utility, and he thought the true interest of the State demanded that no change should be made in the kind of funds receivable for tolls and water rents at the present session.

Mr. Ewing spoke in favor of the bill, and against the amendment, providing that the county board could allow it; if seventy-five cents, they could allow that; or if not twenty-five cents, they could so determine; and if the county Board refused or neglected to fix the compensation, one dollar, which he thought reasonable, should be allowed. Indeed counties are differently situated, and the service of jurors is more onerous in some counties than others—the county seats being differently situated. It could use no reasons that could be urged against its passage of such a law as contemplated by the amendment of the committee.

Mr. Leslie moved to re